

## Union Calendar No. 158

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION**H. R. 1564****[Report No. 109–288]**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

APRIL 12, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Yakima-Tieton Irriga-  
5       tion District Conveyance Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND LANDS**  
2 **OF THE YAKIMA PROJECT, WASHINGTON.**

3 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the  
4 Interior shall convey to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation Dis-  
5 trict, located in Yakima County, Washington, all right,  
6 title, and interest of the United States in and to the build-  
7 ings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, in ac-  
8 cordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the  
9 agreement titled “Agreement Between the United States  
10 and the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District to Transfer  
11 Title to Certain Federally Owned Buildings and Lands,  
12 With Certain Property Rights, Title, and Interest, to the  
13 Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District” (Contract No. 5–07–  
14 10–L1658).

15 (b) LIABILITY.—Effective upon the date of convey-  
16 ance under this section, the United States shall not be  
17 held liable by any court for damages of any kind arising  
18 out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the con-  
19 veyed buildings and lands, except for damages caused by  
20 acts of negligence committed by the United States or by  
21 its employees or agents before the date of conveyance.  
22 Nothing in this section increases the liability of the United  
23 States beyond that provided in chapter 171 of title 28,  
24 United States Code (popularly known as the Federal Tort  
25 Claims Act), on the date of the enactment of this Act.

1       (c) BENEFITS.—After conveyance of the buildings  
2 and lands to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District under  
3 this section—

4           (1) such buildings and lands shall not be con-  
5 sidered to be a part of a Federal reclamation  
6 project; and

7           (2) such irrigation district shall not be eligible  
8 to receive any benefits with respect to any buildings  
9 and lands conveyed, except benefits that would be  
10 available to a similarly situated person with respect  
11 to such buildings and lands that are not part of a  
12 Federal reclamation project.

13       (d) REPORT.—If the Secretary of the Interior has not  
14 completed the conveyance required under subsection (a)  
15 within 12 months after the date of the enactment of this  
16 Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that  
17 explains the reason such conveyance has not been com-  
18 pleted and stating the date by which the conveyance will  
19 be completed.

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